

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed February 7, 2007, has been received and reviewed. Claims 24-39 stand rejected, claims 1-23 and 40-59 are allowed and claims 60-63 are objected to. Applicants have cancelled claims 24-39 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amended claims 60-63. Accordingly claims 1-23 and 40-63 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

Claim Objections

Claims 60-63 were objected to as requiring appropriate correction. Applicants have made the appropriate correction in the manner consistent with the Office Action, and thus respectfully request the objections to be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Anticipation Rejections

Claims 24-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kadaba et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0172217). As shown above, claims 24-39 have been cancelled. The Applicants thus respectfully request the rejections of claims 24-39 to be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-32 and 40-63 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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